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Serial No.: 08/951,672)
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For: MOLD FOR VULCANIZING A TIRE)
HAVING A SPECIFIED BELT)
PROFILE IN THE ABSENCE OF)
LOAD AND INFLATING)
PRESSURE (as amended))

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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents were previously submitted in a prior application, application no. 08/951,672, filing date October 16, 1997, upon which Applicant relies for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language documents.

1. The relevance of European Patent Application No. 0 667 251 dated August 16, 1995, was set forth in an English language version of a search report from the European Patent Office, which was previously submitted in prior application no. 08/951,672 on October 16, 1997.

2. The relevance of Luxembourg Patent Application No. 87 499 dated September 12, 1989, was set forth in an English language version of a search report from the European Patent Office, which was previously submitted in prior application no. 08/951,672 on October 16, 1997.

3. The relevance of German Patent Application No. 36 15 426 dated November 12, 1987, was set forth in an English language version of a search report from the European Patent Office, which was previously submitted in prior application no. 08/951,672 on October 16, 1997.

4. The relevance of Japanese Patent Application No. 7-285301 dated October 31, 1995, was set forth in an English language version of a search report from the European Patent Office, which was previously submitted in prior application no. 08/951,672 on October 16, 1997.

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